GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1129
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2016
Medical Record of Patients
Udhayakumar Shri M.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/MCI has notified any regulations making it obligatory for the hospitals to maintain medical record and provide patient access to it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian Medical Association taking cognizance of the above regulation have asked the doctors and hospitals to provide a copy of case record to patient or his/her legal representative; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and step taken in this regard for strict compliance of the above regulation?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) & (b): Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 under clause 1.3 'Maintenance of Medical Records' provides as follows:
Clause 1.3.1 "Every physician shall maintain the medical records pertaining to his / her indoor patients for a period of 3 years from the date of commencement of the treatment in a standard proforma laid down by the Medical Council of India.
Clause 1.3.2. If any request is made for medical records either by the patients / authorised attendant or legal authorities involved, the same may be duly acknowledged and documents shall be issued within the period of 72 hours".

(c) & (d): Indian Medical Association (IMA) is not a Government body and hence no such information is available with the Government.